PSPE Vision  
PSPE is the recognized voice and advocate of all Professional Engineers who are licensed in Pennsylvania.

PSPE Mission  
Promote and defend the interests of Pennsylvania’s Professional Engineers.

Minutes

I. Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

II. Roll Call

In attendance:
Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E., F.NSPE
John F. Bradshaw, P.E., PLS
John A. Nawn, P.E., PTOE
Harvey D. Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE
Walter J. Poplawski, P.E.
David L. McCullough P.E.
Frank J. Stanton Jr. P.E.
Michel J. Sadaka, P.E.
Susan K. Sprague, P.E.

III. Len Bernstein asked that a proposed bill to amend the SEO Act be added to the agenda under new business.

IV. Minutes from October 23, 2007 were approved with one change. Item X.C.1. should be changed to read that “a face-to-face committee meeting will be held to coincide with the November PSPE Executive Committee meeting.”

V. John Nawn provided the treasurer’s report.

A. With 83% of the year elapsed, revenue was $237,853.28, and expenses were $245,365.05, resulting in a net loss of $7,511.77 for the current reporting period. Revenue received in November and not shown in the October report includes $10,000 from the Pennsylvania Engineering Foundation. The $8,011.06 advance has not yet been repaid to NSPE.

John reported that 18 out of 22 chapters have reported their finances. Many thanks to these chapters for getting their reports to John so quickly.

B. Reserve Fund Report – Michel Sadaka, P.E. reported that the reserve fund had been tracking well through October. He will continue to monitor the fund.

VI. President’s Report – Leonard K. Bernstein, P.E. F.NSPE reported that he had written an update on the status of continuing education legislation for the Philadelphia Chapter. His report is available to all chapters.
A. Report from NSPE Northeast Region Meeting – John Bradshaw, P.E. reported that PSPE was well represented at the meeting. New officers were elected: Matt Prucell (NH) will serve as Regional Manager, Joe Duncan (VT) will serve as Secretary, and Bob Goldman will serve as the Northeast Region Nominating Committee Chair.

B. Progress Update on Priorities
1. Develop an informational dialogue between PSPE and the State Registration Board. Invite the entire Board to the November 2007 Executive Committee Meeting: Jennifer reported that the State Registration Board voted to hold their meeting in conjunction with the PSPE Annual Conference in Gettysburg.
2. Develop a chapter financial report template. Finalize PSPE simplified dues structure by June 2008 Board meeting: John Nawn reported that the chapter finance reporting template had been completed and distributed to all chapters. 16/20 chapters replied.
3. Organize a Legislative and Governmental Affairs Committee: Harve Hnatiuk reported that the Licensure and Government Affairs Committee would like to identify one PSPE member per legislative district to meet with legislators as needed.
4. Conduct a “Celebration of the PE License” during Engineers Week in the SW Region recognizing new PEs: Michel Sadaka reported that a ceremony recognizing new PE’s will be held February 22 at the Engineers Society of Western Pennsylvania. Attendees will receive a 50% discount to attend the E-Week banquet on Feb. 23, 6 months free membership in NSPE/PSPE and their local chapter, and a certificate of recognition.
5. Appoint a Chair of the PSPE Education Committee: A short list of potential chairs has been identified.
6. Develop a PSPE-oriented Chapter Operation Manual by the 2008 Leadership Conference: Walter Poplawski reported that NSPE has a chapter leader handbook. Additional resources specific to PSPE can be added including:
   a. PowerPoint presentation prepared by John Nawn
   b. Committee definitions
7. Establish the 2009 Conference Planning Committee and determine tentative dates & location of 2009 NE Region meeting. Evaluate combining PSPE 2009 Annual Conference with 2009 NE Region meeting by January 2008 Board meeting: Walter reported that he has identified a number of volunteers for the 2009 conference committee.

VII. NSPE House of Delegates (HoD) Representative Report – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE
A. NSPE intends to roll out its newly designed website on January 15, 2008.
B. The 2008 Northeast Region meeting will be held October 2 – 4, in Portland, Maine.
C. The webinar discussing the topic of “Bachelors + 30” will be posted on NSPE website.

VIII. Executive Director’s Report – John Wanner, CAE
A. John reported that he has been invited to meeting with members of SSEC in Texas, January 23 – 25. A motion was made and seconded to support John’s attendance at this planning meeting.

IX. Legislative Update – John Wanner, CAE
A. John reported on recent legislative activity.
   1. Continuing Education: John reported that he organized a joint meeting with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, Andy Hilt (PSLS Executive Director), and Eric Conrad (PA Geologists Executive Director). All have agreed that the legislation needs to be revised. John has spoken with the Senate Licensure Committee and they are receptive to introducing a bill with the same language initially included in SB655.
   2. Local tax reform: Another proposal to eliminate property tax and increase sales tax or possibly expand the sales tax to apply to services is expected.
   3. HB 1889 would introduce a clearinghouse of school designs. Schools who use the prototypical designs could be eligible for financial benefits.
4. ASCE has approached John about another joint legislative day in spring. The focus would be on water infrastructure.

B. The PSPE PAC fund stands at $4,103.38, which is helpful. Thank you to all officers and members who are able to support the PAC.

X. Committee/Task Force Reports

A. 2008 Conference Committee – John Bradshaw, P.E. reported that there is a draft schedule for the 2009 conference in the board material. The committee will meet face to face this afternoon.

B. Nominating Committee Report – Harve Hnatiuk, P.E., F.NSPE reported that the nominating committee met via conference call. There is a full slate of candidates. The next milestone is the closing date for nominations by petition, which is January 18, 2008. Their report is in the board material.

The executive committee recommended a change to the timeline stating: In the event of a single nominee in each position resulting from the submission by the Nominating Committee of a complete slate of nominations for all vacancies and with no quoted petition candidates submitted, the Secretary shall be directed by the President to cast a single ballot for all nominees upon acceptance of the Nominating Committee’s report by the Board. The original date for this action was 3/28/08; the new date will be January 26, 2008 at the Board of Directors Meeting.

XI. New Business

A. SEO bill: Len Bernstein reported that PASEO is asking for support on a bill that would amend the SEO Act. Len will circulate a copy for review.

XII. Upcoming Meetings

A. PSPE Executive Committee Meeting: January 25, 2008
B. PSPE Board of Directors Meeting: January 26, 2008 (Holiday Inn Conference Center, New Cumberland)

XIII. A motion was properly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Summers